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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION CAIRO FROM KHARTOUM ON 21 FEB 75
BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, SU
SUBJECT: TRAVEL AMCITS THROUGH SUDAN TO KENYA

1. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY FACING MOUNTING PROBLEMS WITH YOUNG AMCIT TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN SUDAN FROM EGYPT WHO ULTIMATELY INTEND TRAVEL TO KENYA. WE ARE CURRENTLY STRONGLY URGING SUCH TRAVELERS TO AVOID ETHIOPIA DUE TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS THERE AND AT SAME TIME WE ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGING TRAVEL THROUGH UGANDA, WHICH IS NOT NOW FEASIBLE AT ANY RATE, EVEN FOR PERSONS HOLDING VALID UGANDAN VISAS; UGANDANS NOT PERMITTING TRAVELERS ENTER FROM SOUTHERN SUDAN EXCEPT BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF EAST AFRICA. TRAVEL TO ZAIRE AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC ALSO BEING DISCOURAGED AS ZAIRIANS SEVERELY RESTRICTING ENTRIES ON THEIR NORTHERN BORDER.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, ONLY FEASIBLE ROUTES FOR SUCH TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN SUDAN HEADING FOR KENYA AS FOLLOWS: DIRECT AIR FLIGHT KHARTOUM TO NAIROBI WHICH COSTS CIRCA $125; COMBINATION TRAIN AND BOAT TRAVEL KHARTOUM TO JUBA AND THEN BY LAND TO KAPOETA TO KENYA WITH ENTRY AT LODWAR, KENYA AND ON TO NAIROBI. THIS LAND ROUTE HOWEVER WILL CLOSE CIRCA MID-MARCH WITH ARRIVAL OF FIRST RAINS IN SOUTHERN SUDAN. ROUTE ALSO TAKES TWO-THREE WEEKS FROM KHARTOUM TO NAIROBI AND THERE IS NO SCHEDULED TRANSPORT. THIRD AND FINAL ALTERNATIVE IS TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN AND
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BOAT TO JUBA AND THEN CATCH AIR FLIGHT FROM JUBA TO ENTEBBE,

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UGANDA, WHICH COSTS CURCA $40, AND THEN BY LAND FROM ENTEBBE
TO NAIROBI. WE ARE ALSO STRONGLY DISCOURAGING USE OF THIS
ROUTE AS IT ENTAILS TRAVEL IN UGANDA.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE AMEMBASSY CAIRO MAKING ABOVE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO ALL TRAVELERS WHO INTEND COME TO THE SUDAN
WITH INTENTION TRAVELING FURTHER INTO AFRICA. SUCH TRAVEL
SHOULD BE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED.
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